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Field of the invention

The present invention provides compounds and compositions capable of inhibiting the attachment of Gram-negative bacteria on a host epithelium. Accordingly, said compounds and compositions can for example be used for the manufacture of a medicament to treat urinary, lung and gastrointestinal infections caused by said Gram-negative bacteria.

Background of the invention

Many pathogenic Gram-negative bacteria such as *Escherichia coli*, *Proteus* species, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Salmonella enteriditis*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Bordetella pertussis*, *Yersinia enterocolitica*, *Helicobacter pylori* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* assemble hair-like adhesive organelles called pili on their surfaces. Pili are thought to mediate microbial attachment, often the essential first step in the development of disease, by binding to receptors present in host tissues and may also participate in bacterial-bacterial interactions important in biofilm formation. For example uropathogenic strains of *E. coli* possess pili that bind to receptors present on uroepithelial cells. Urinary tract infection (UTI) is one of the most common bacterial infections, estimated to affect at least 50% of women over life at a yearly cost of ~$2 billion in the US alone (Foxman, 2002). The most common cause of UTI is infection by uropathogenic *Escherichia coli* (UPEC), which accounts for over about 80% of reported cases (Ronald, 2002). Most UTIs can be effectively treated with antibiotics, but recurrence is a problem as is the emergence of antibiotic resistant strains (Ronald, 2002; Gupta *et al.*, 2001; Nicolle, 2002; Johnson *et al.*, 2002). For attachment to the uroepithelium, UPEC express a number of carbohydrate binding adhesins (Mulvey, 2002; Schilling *et al.*, 2001; Berglund and Knight, 2003). These adhesins mediate specific binding to carbohydrate-containing receptors in the uroepithelium, thereby determining the tissue tropism of the bacteria. The differential expression of cell surface receptors in different parts of the urinary tract allows UPEC expressing different adhesins to generate very different clinical outcomes. For example, P-piliated UPEC cause pyelonephrities by binding to galabiose-containing receptors in the kidney epithelium. Mannose-binding type-1 pili promote infection of the bladder epithelium (cystitis) by targeting uroplakin high-mannose receptors present on the surface of the

superficial umbrella cells lining the mucosal surface of the urinary bladder. Of the various UPEC adhesins, type-1 pili are by far the most abundant (Brinton, 1959; Buchanan *et al.*, 1985; O'Hanley *et al.*, 1985; Langermann *et al.*, 1997; Bahrani-Mougeot *et al.*, 2002). Type-1 pili consist of a cylindrical rod of repeating immunoglobulin-like (Ig-like) FimA subunits, followed by a short and stubby tip fibrillum. These structures are assembled by the chaperone/usher pathway (Thanassi *et al.*, 1998; Knight *et al.*, 2000; Sauer *et al.*, 2000 a; Sauer *et al.*, 2000 b) and in their mature form the Ig fold of every constituent subunit is completed by an amino-terminal extension from a neighboring subunit in a process termed 'donor strand exchange' (Choudhury *et al.*, 1999; Sauer *et al.*, 1999; Zavialov *et al.*, 2003). FimH is a two-domain adhesin protein at the end of the tip fibrillum, responsible for the mannose-sensitive bacterial adhesion. The amino-terminal lectin domain (residues 1-158) is joined to a carboxy-terminal pilin domain (residues 159-279) that links the adhesin to the rest of the pilus. The primary physiological receptor for FimH in the urinary tract is the glycoprotein uroplakin 1a (Zhou *et al.*, 2001), but FimH recognizes a wide range of glycoproteins carrying one or more N-linked high-mannose structures. FimH also binds yeast mannans and mediates agglutination of yeast cells. FimH alleles from different *E. coli* isolates are highly conserved (Hung *et al.*, 2002). Nevertheless, minor sequence differences have been shown to correlate with different binding and adhesion phenotypes (Sokurenko *et al.*, 1994; Sokurenko *et al.*, 1995; Sokurenko *et al.*, 1997; Sokurenko *et al.*, 1998). Most UPEC strains carry FimH variants that allow tight binding to substrates with a terminal alpha-linked D-mannose (e.g. mannosylated bovine serum albumin or yeast mannans), whereas the majority of fecal strains carry FimH variants that require trimannosides for tight binding (Sokurenko *et al.*, 1995; Sokurenko *et al.*, 1997). It is known in the art that FimH-mediated adhesion can be inhibited by D-mannose and also by a variety of natural and synthetic saccharides containing terminal mannose residues (WO0110386 and (Firon *et al.*, 1982; Firon *et al.*, 1983; Firon *et al.*, 1984; Lindhorst *et al.*, 1998; Neeser *et al.*, 1 986). Indeed blocking of the FimH-receptor interaction has been shown to prevent bacterial adhesion to bladder uroepithelium and infection (Langermann *et al.*, 1997; Thankavel *et al.*, 1997; Langermann *et al.*,2000). However, there is a need for molecules with superior binding affinities - with FimH - which have at the same time favourable *in vivo* effects. In the present invention we have developed a simple and reliable assay for measuring ligand binding to FimH and have used this assay to determine dissociation

constants for a variety of chemically synthesized alpha-D-mannose derivatives (several alkyl and aromatically substituted mannosides). We show that several of these molecules have nanomolar activities with FimH. Thus the present invention provides new molecules which can be used for the inhibition of binding of type-1 pili with host tissue and hence said molecules can be used for the manufacture of medicines to treat bacterial infections caused by Gram-negative bacteria possessing type-1 pili.

Figures and Tables

Figure 1. (A) Binding curve of α-D-mannose. (B) Displacement curve of butyl mannoside. (C) Linear dependency of ΔG^0 for $FimHtr_{J96}$ binding on number of methyl groups in alkyl mannosides.

Figure 2. Binding profiles for three different FimH variants from strains J96, F18 and CI#4 to a series of trimannoses. All three strains follow the same binding trend although J96 binding is stronger to all compounds.

Figure 3. The tri-mannosides correspond to the branches of the high-mannose tree (left). α1-3, α1-6 mannopentaose is the oligomannose on the right hand side.

Table 1: K_D and calculated ΔG^0 for a series of O1 alkyl and aryl mannosides. The Surface Plasmon Resonance and Displacement binding experiments define heptyl α-D-mannopyranoside as the best binder

Ligand	***K_D (nM)***	***$\Delta G°$ (kcal/mol)***
Mannose	$2.3\ 10^3$	-7.6
linear alkyl α-D-mannosides (alkyl man)		
Methyl man	$2.2\ 10^3$	-7.7
Ethyl man	$1.2\ 10^3$	-8.1
Propyl man	300	-8.9
Butyl man	151	-9.3
Pentyl man	25	-10.4
Hexyl man	10	-10.9
Heptyl man	5	-11.3
Octyl man	22	-10.4

aryl α-D-mannosides (aryl man)		
Ethylphenyl man	86	-9.6
Ethyl aminophenyl man	137	-9.4
p-Nitrophenyl man	26	-10.3
Umbelliferyl man	12	-10.8

Table 2: K_D and calculated ΔG^0 for a series of O1 alkyl and aryl mannosides.

Other mono- and disaccharides and a deoxy mannose do not reach the high affinity of the mannose for FimH. Fructose, present at a concentration of ≈ 5% in fruit juices, follows mannose with an only 15 times lower affinity, as reported earlier by Zafriri *et al.* 1989.

Ligand	***K_D (nM)***	***$\Delta G°$ (kcal/mol)***
2-deoxy α-D-mannose	$0.3\ 10^6$	-4.8
glucose	$9.24\ 10^6$	-2.8
galactose	$0.1\ 10^9$	-1.4
fructose	31 μM	-6.1
sucrose	12.8 mM	-2.6

Table 3. K_D and calculated ΔG^0 for a series of tri-mannosides (Figure 3) binding to FimH from three different strains. (nd=not determined)

Ligand	*K_D J96 (nM)*	*K_D CI#4 (nM)*	*K_D F18 (nM)*	*$\Delta G°$ J96 (kcal/mol)*	*$\Delta G°$ CI#4 (kcal/mol)*	*$\Delta G°$ F18 (kcal/mol)*
α-D-mannose	2300	10700	9800	-7.6	-7.0	-7.1
man-(1,2)-man-(1,2)-man	1600	3950	3250	-8.2	-7.7	-7.8
man-(1,2)-man-(1,3)-man	1800	3650	3050	-8.1	-7.7	-7.8
man-(1,2)-man-(1,6)-man	830	2200	1800	-8.6	-8.0	-8.1
man-(1,3)-man-(1,6)-man	485	1030	730	-8.6	-8.5	-8.7
man-(1,6)-man-(1,6)-man	1400	7500	5900	-8.3	-7.3	-7.4
α1-3,α1-6 mannopentaose	330	nd	nd	-8.8	nd	nd

Detailed description of the invention

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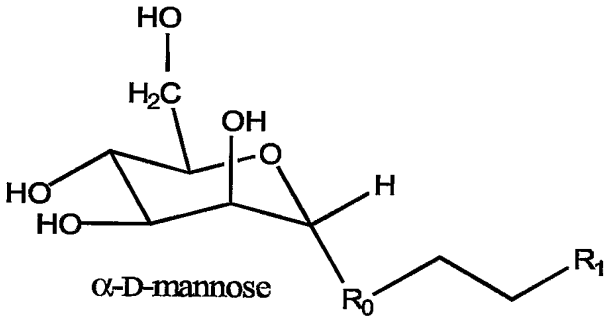
In the present invention, the inventors have designed and fabricated compounds which interfere with the adhesion of Gram-negative bacteria to mannose oligosaccharides located on the host epithelium thereby reducing the capacity of said piliated bacteria to attach to and infect host tissues. In a particular embodiment said Gram-negative bacteria comprise type-1 pili. More specifically the compounds of the present invention interfere with the binding of FimH and homologues thereof with mannose oligosaccharides present on a host epithelial tissue.

The compounds of the present invention are alpha-D-mannose derivatives (also designated in the art as alpha-D-mannopyranoside-derivatives) which are useful in treating bacterial diseases caused by Gram-negative bacteria. Additionally the compounds can also be used in preventing costly biofilm formation in medical, industrial and various other settings.

Thus in a first embodiment the invention provides the use of



α-D-mannose

wherein $R_0 = O, CH_2$ or S

and

-R_1 = -CH_2CH_3 (ethyl), or
-$CH_2CH_2CH_3$ (n-propyl), or
-$CH_2CH_2CH_2COOH$ (3-carboxypropyl), or
-$CH_2CH_2CH_2CHO$ (4-oxobutyl), or
-$CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$ (n-butyl), or
-$CH_2CH_2CH_2CF_3$ (4,4,4-trifluorobutyl), or
-$CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$ (4-hydroxybutyl), or
-$CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CHO$ (5-oxopentyl), or
-$CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$ (n-pentyl), or
-$CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CF_3$ (5,5,5-trifluoropentyl), or
-$CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2COOH$ (4-carboxybutyl), or
-$CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$ (4-aminobutyl), or
-$C_6H_{11}OH$ (4-hydroxycyclohexyl), or
-$C_6H_{11}CF_3$ (4-trifluoromethylcyclohexyl), or
-C_6H_5 (phenyl), or
-C_6H_4OH (p-hydroxyphenyl), or
-$C_6H_4NH_2$ (p-aminophenyl), or
-$C_6H_4NO_2$ (p-nitrophenyl), or
-C_6H_4COOH (p-carboxyphenyl), or
-$C_6H_4CH_3$ (p-methylphenyl), or
-$C_6H_4CF_3$ (p-trifluoromethylphenyl), or
-C_6H_4CHO (p-formylphenyl), or
-$C_4H_5N_2$ (pyrimidyl), or
-$C_4H_4N_2OH$ (2-hydroxypyrimidyl), or
-C_6H_{11} (cyclohexyl)

for the manufacture of a medicament to treat a subject suffering from infection of a Gram-negative bacterium. In a particular embodiment said Gram-negative bacterium possesses a type-1 adhesion.

As utilized herein, the term "pilus" or "pili" relates to fibrillar, heteropolymeric structures embedded in the cell envelope of many tissue-adhering pathogenic bacteria, notably pathogenic Gram-negative bacteria. In the present specification, the terms pilus and pili are used interchangeably. A pilus is composed of a number of "pilus subunits" which constitute distinct functional parts of the intact pilus.

The phrase "preventing or inhibiting binding between pilus and a host epithelial tissue" indicates that the normal interaction between a type-1 pilus and its natural ligand on the epithelial tissue is being affected either by being inhibited, or reduced to such an extent that the binding of the pilus to the host epithelial tissue is measurably lower than is the case when the pilus is interacting with the host epithelial tissue at conditions which are substantially identical (with regard to pH, concentration of ions, and other molecules) to the native conditions in the environment (e.g. the bladder, the kidney, the intestine, the lung). Measurement of the degree of binding can be determined *in vitro* by methods known to the person skilled in the art (microcalorimetry, radioimmunoassays, enzyme based immunoassays, fluorescent labeling of the bacteria etc.).

The compounds and compositions of the present invention which prevent or inhibit binding between type-1 pilus and epithelial tissue are said to exhibit "antibacterial activity." By the term "host" is in the present context meant a host (or subject), which can be any plant or animal, including a human being, who is infected with, or is likely to be infected with, tissue-adhering pilus-forming bacteria which are believed to be pathogenic.

By the term" an effective amount" is meant an amount of the compound in question which will in a majority of hosts (e.g. patients) have either the effect that the disease caused by the pathogenic bacteria is cured or ameliorated or, if the substance has been given prophylactically, the effect that the disease is prevented from manifesting itself. The term "an effective amount" also implies that the substance is given in an amount which only causes mild or no adverse effects in the subject to whom it has been administered, or that the adverse effects may be tolerated from a medical and pharmaceutical point of view in the light of the severity of the disease for which the substance has been given.

As used herein "treatment" includes both prophylaxis and therapy. Thus, in treating a subject, the compounds of the invention may be administered to a subject already harboring a bacterial infection or in order to prevent such infection from occurring or to prevent from re-occurring. For example in the case of urinary tract infections it is important to realize that these infections are often recurrent (20-25% in women). The current treatment is a prophylactic treatment with antibiotics for up to six months. In the case of reflux (of urine to kidneys) in newborn babies, prophylactic treatment is advised for over one year to prevent kidney disfunctionality. The molecules of the present invention can be a valuable alternative for prophylactic treatments with antibiotics. In another alternative the molecules of the invention can be administered together with antibiotics.

In yet another embodiment the molecules of the invention can be used for the manufacture of a medicament to treat bacterial infections caused by bacteria selected from the list consisting of *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenza*, *Shigella species*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Bordetella pertussis*, *Yersinia enterolytica*, *Helicobacter pylor*, *Proteus* species and *Escherichia coli*.

Some examples of diseases caused by these pathogenic Gram-negative bacteria are gastroenteritis (*E. coli*, *Salmonella*, *Shigella* and *Yersinia*), urinary tract infections (*E. coli*), Dysentery (*Shigella* and *Escherichia coli*), pneumonia (*Klebsiella*). All these diseases can be treated by the molecules of the present invention.

In another embodiment the compounds of the invention (which are antibacterial compositions) may be utilized to inhibit pili adhesion by providing an effective amount of such compositions to a host (e.g. patient).

In particularly for use as antimicrobials for the treatment of animal subjects, the compounds of the invention can be formulated as pharmaceutical or veterinary compositions. Depending on the subject to be treated, the mode of administration, and the type of treatment desired, e. g., prevention, prophylaxis, therapy; the compounds are formulated in ways consonant with these parameters. A summary of such techniques is found in Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, latest edition, Mack Publishing Co., Easton, PA.

The term 'medicament to treat' relates to a composition comprising molecules as described herein above and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient (both terms can be used interchangeably) to treat or to prevent diseases as described herein. The administration of a molecule or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof

may be by way of oral, inhaled, topical or parenteral administration. The active compound may be administered alone or preferably formulated as a pharmaceutical composition. An amount effective to treat bacterial infections caused by Gram-negative bacteria depends on the usual factors such as the nature and severity of these infections being treated and the weight of the mammal. Doses will normally be administered continuously or once or more than once a day, for example 2, 3, or 4 times a day, more usually 1 to 3 times a day, such that the total daily dose is normally in the range of 0.0001 to 1 mg/kg; thus a suitable total daily dose for a 70 kg adult is 0.01 to 50 mg, for example 0.01 to 10 mg or more usually 0.05 to 10 mg. It is greatly preferred that the compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is administered in the form of a unit-dose composition, such as a unit dose oral, parenteral, topical or inhaled composition. Such compositions are prepared by admixture and are suitably adapted for oral, inhaled, topical or parenteral administration, and as such may be in the form of tablets, capsules, oral liquid preparations, powders, granules, ointments, lozenges, reconstitutable powders, injectable and infusable solutions or suspensions or suppositories or aerosols. Tablets and capsules for oral administration are usually presented in a unit dose, and contain conventional excipients such as binding agents, fillers, diluents, tabletting agents, lubricants, disintegrants, colourants, flavourings, and wetting agents. The tablets may be coated according to well known methods in the art. Suitable fillers for use include cellulose, mannitol, lactose and other similar agents. Suitable disintegrants include starch, polyvinylpyrrolidone and starch derivatives such as sodium starch glycollate. Suitable lubricants include, for example, magnesium stearate. Suitable pharmaceutically acceptable wetting agents include sodium lauryl sulphate. These solid oral compositions may be prepared by conventional methods of blending, filling, tabletting or the like. Repeated blending operations may be used to distribute the active agent throughout those compositions employing large quantities of fillers. Such operations are, of course, conventional in the art. Oral liquid preparations may be in the form of, for example, aqueous or oily suspensions, solutions, emulsions, syrups, or elixirs, or may be presented as a dry product for reconstitution with water or other suitable vehicle before use. Such liquid preparations may contain conventional additives such as suspending agents, for example sorbitol, syrup, methyl cellulose, gelatin, hydroxyethylcellulose, carboxymethyl cellulose, aluminium stearate gel or hydrogenated edible fats, emulsifying agents, for example lecithin, sorbitan

monooleate, or acacia; non-aqueous vehicles (which may include edible oils), for example, almond oil, fractionated coconut oil, oily esters such as esters of glycerine, propylene glycol, or ethyl alcohol; preservatives, for example methyl or propyl p-hydroxybenzoate or sorbic acid, and if desired conventional flavoring or coloring agents. Oral formulations also include conventional sustained release formulations, such as tablets or granules having an enteric coating. Preferably, compositions for inhalation are presented for administration to the respiratory tract as a snuff or an aerosol or solution for a nebulizer, or as a microfine powder for insufflation, alone or in combination with an inert carrier such as lactose. In such a case the particles of active compound suitably have diameters of less than 50 microns, preferably less than 10 microns, for example between 1 and 5 microns, such as between 2 and 5 microns. A favored inhaled dose will be in the range of 0.05 to 2 mg, for example 0.05 to 0.5 mg, 0.1 to 1 mg or 0.5 to 2 mg. For parenteral administration, fluid unit dose forms are prepared containing a compound of the present invention and a sterile vehicle. The active compound, depending on the vehicle and the concentration, can be either suspended or dissolved. Parenteral solutions are normally prepared by dissolving the compound in a vehicle and filter sterilising before filling into a suitable vial or ampoule and sealing. Advantageously, adjuvants such as a local anaesthetic, preservatives and buffering agents are also dissolved in the vehicle. To enhance the stability, the composition can be frozen after filling into the vial and the water removed under vacuum. Parenteral suspensions are prepared in substantially the same manner except that the compound is suspended in the vehicle instead of being dissolved and sterilised by exposure to ethylene oxide before suspending in the sterile vehicle. Advantageously, a surfactant or wetting agent is included in the composition to facilitate uniform distribution of the active compound. Where appropriate, small amounts of bronchodilators for example sympathomimetic amines such as isoprenaline, isoetharine, salbutamol, phenylephrine and ephedrine; xanthine derivatives such as theophylline and aminophylline and corticosteroids such as prednisolone and adrenal stimulants such as ACTH may be included. As is common practice, the compositions will usually be accompanied by written or printed directions for use in the medical treatment concerned.

The present invention further provides a pharmaceutical composition for use in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of herein described bacterial infections which comprises

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable solvate thereof, and, if required, a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier thereof.

In a particular embodiment the molecules of the invention can be used for the manufacture of a medicament to treat a urinary infection. In a more particular embodiment said urinary infection is caused by *E. coli*.

In yet another embodiment the molecules of the invention can be used for the manufacture of a medicament to treat a gastrointestinal infection. In a more particular embodiment said gastrointestinal infection is caused by *Escherichia*, *Salmonella*, *Shigella* or *Yersinia* species.

It will be understood that the appropriate dosage of the molecules should suitably be assessed by performing animal model tests, wherein the effective dose level and the toxic dose level as well as the lethal dose level are established in suitable and acceptable animal models. Further, if a substance has proven efficient in such animal tests, controlled clinical trials should be performed. Needless to state such clinical trials should be performed according to the standards of Good Clinical Practice.

In a particular embodiment the compounds of the invention can be used alone or in combination with other antibiotics such as erythromycin, tetracycline, macrolides, for example azithromycin and the cephalosporins. Depending on the mode of administration, the compounds will be formulated into suitable compositions to permit facile delivery to the affected areas.

Formulations may be prepared in a manner suitable for systemic administration or topical or local administration. Systemic formulations include those designed for injection (e. g., intramuscular, intravenous or subcutaneous injection) or may be prepared for transdermal, transmucosal, or oral administration. The formulation will generally include a diluent as well as, in some cases, adjuvants, buffers, preservatives and the like.

In a particular embodiment the antibacterial compositions of the present invention have a variety of industrial uses, well known to those skilled in such arts, relating to their antibacterial properties. In general, these uses are carried out by bringing a biocidal or bacterial inhibitory amount of the antibacterial compositions of the present invention into contact with a surface, environment or biozone containing Gram-negative bacteria so that the composition is able to interact with and thereby interfere with the biological function of such bacteria. For example, such antibacterial compositions can be used to prevent or inhibit biofilm formation caused by Gram-negative bacteria and to inhibit

bacterial colonization by a Gram-negative organism. Compositions may be formulated as sprays, solutions, pellets, powders and in other forms of administration well known to those skilled in such arts.

It should be understood that compounds of the present invention may be used as lead compounds in pharmaceutical efforts to synthesize variants that can be used for the treatment of several types of disease caused by pathogenic Gram-negative bacteria such as *Escherichia coli*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Salmonella enteriditis*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Bordetella pertussis*, *Yersinia enterocolitica*, *Helicobacter pylori*, *Proteus* species and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*.

The present invention is further illustrated by the following examples which should not be construed as limiting in any way. The contents of all cited references (including literature references, issued patents, published patent applications, and co-pending patent applications) cited throughout this application are hereby expressly incorporated by reference.

Examples

Binding studies between FimH and mannose derivatives

To measure the dissociation constant for FimH:alkyl or aryl - mannoside binding, two different binding assays were developed. The first binding assay uses [^{3}H]-mannose. The amount of radioactively labeled mannose bound to FimHtr$_{J96}$ was measured at six different concentrations of [^{3}H]-mannose, and a hyperbolic curve fitted to the results was made (Figure 1A). FimHtrJ96 corresponds to the carbohydrate (mannose) binding domain of FimH from the uropathogenic *E. coli* strain J96. The dissociation equilibrium constant was determined from this graph at the concentration of mannose halfway to equilibrium, which corresponds to occupation of half of the binding sites.

Surface Plasmon Resonance measurements were performed on a *Biacore3000*™. In a first experiment, the kinetic constants and maximal binding were determined for the FimH-antibody interaction. Next, a fixed concentration of FimH (close to the K_D of the FimH-antibody interaction) in combination with varying concentrations of carbohydrate, were used to determine the dissociation equilibrium constant of the FimH-saccharide interaction in a competition experiment. Every measurement was repeated at least twice, including testing the variation between different protein and saccharide batches.

To eliminate the possibility of different binding strength for full length FimH and $FimHtr_{J96}$, the binding of alpha-D-mannose to FimC:FimH complex was also measured. A value of K_D=2.3 µM was obtained, in good agreement with the value measured using $FimHtr_{J96}$. The inhibition of [^{3}H]-mannose binding was used in a displacement assay to determine the dissociation constant for a synthetic butyl mannoside by measuring the amount of [^{3}H]-mannose bound to the protein in the presence of increasing amounts of the inhibitor (Figure 1B). A dissociation constant of K_D=0.15 µM for butyl mannoside was determined using this procedure, around 15 times stronger than for Dmannose. To investigate the effect of sequential addition of methyl groups to the O1 oxygen of Dmannose, a series of alkyl mannosides were synthesized and the dissociation constants determined using the [^{3}H]-mannose displacement assay and by surface plasmon resonance (Table 1).

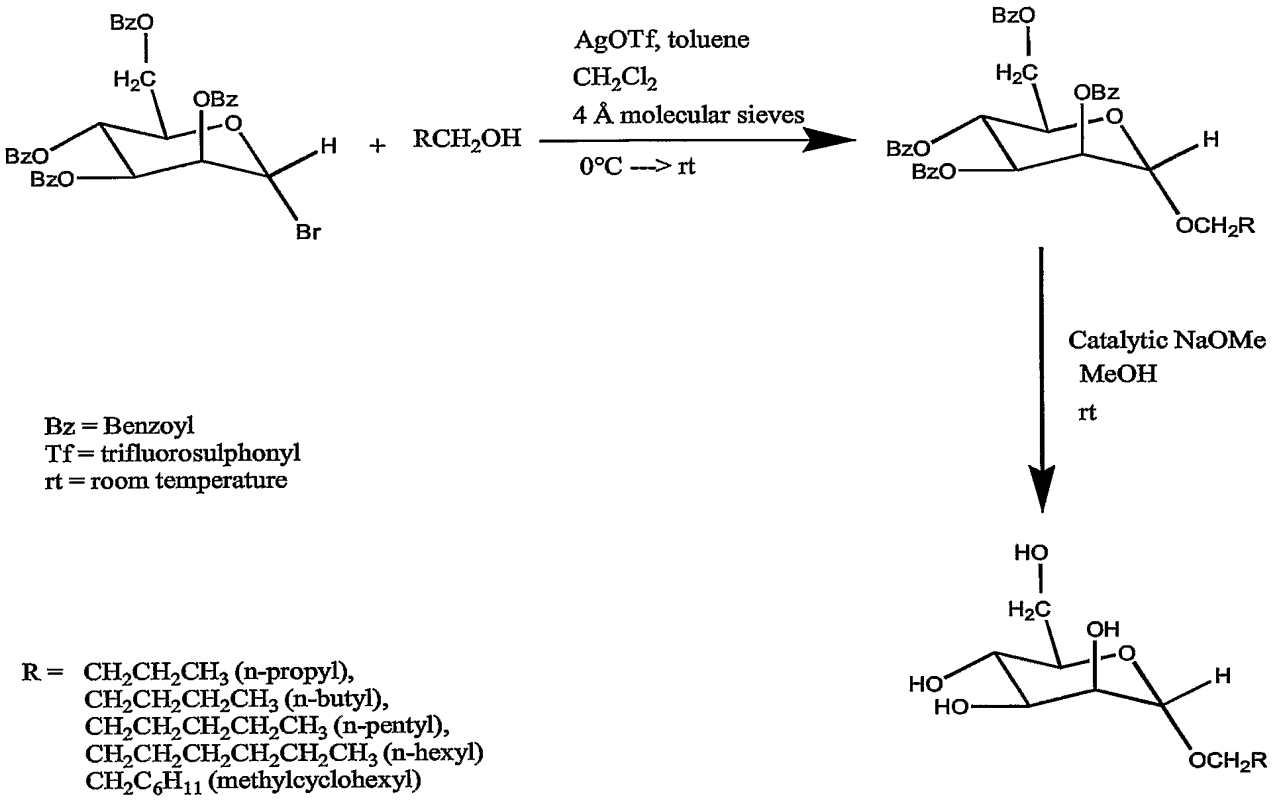
There is a near-linear correlation between the binding free energy as determined from the measured dissociation constants and the number of methyl groups in the alkyl mannoside, with each additional methyl group contributing about -0.4 kcal mol^{-1} of binding energy (Figure 1C). Aromatically substituted mannosides have been reported to be particularly potent inhibitors of FimH-mediated bacterial adhesion (Firon *et al*, 1987). Using our displacement assay, the dissociation constants were measured for four such compounds, ethylphenyl alpha-D-man, ethyl aminophenyl alpha-D-man, *p*NP alpha-D-man and MeUmb alpha-D-man. In concordance with the earlier results, those compounds bind very tightly to $FimHtr_{J96}$ (K_D=86 nM for ethylphenyl alpha-D-man, K_D=137 nM for ethyl aminophenyl alpha-D-man, K_D=26 nM for pNP alpha-D-man, K_D=12 nM for MeUmb alpha-D-man).

Binding of mono- and trimannosides to fecal and UPEC FimH variants

FimH alleles from different *E. coli* isolates exhibit only minor sequence differences, but nevertheless mediate significant variations in adhesion properties (Sokurenko *et al.*, 1994; Sokurenko *et al.*, 1995; Sokurenko *et al.*, 1997; Sokurenko *et al.*, 1998). To investigate if these variations reflect differences in sugar binding at the molecular level, the dissociation constants of a series of mannosides for the FimH lectin domain from a fecal (F18) and from a UPEC (CI#4) strain were determined. These two FimH variants have previously been shown to mediate significantly different adhesion patterns (Sokurenko *et al.*, 1995). For comparison, binding to $FimHtr_{J96}$ was also investigated. Both F18 and CI#4 FimH lectin domains were cloned, expressed, and purified in the

same way as $FimHtr_{J96}$ (Schembri *et al.*, 2000). These two lectin domains differ from the lectin domain of $FimH_{J96}$ by substitutions Val27Ala, Asn70Ser and Ser78Asn. In addition, $FimH_{Cl\#4}$ differs from the other two variants by a Gly73Glu substitution. None of these residues are close to the mannose binding pocket. Five different tri-mannosides corresponding to high-mannose substructures were synthesized, and their binding to $FimHtr_{J96}$, $FimHtr_{F18}$ and $FimHtr_{Cl\#4}$ measured using our [^{3}H]-mannose displacement assay (Table 3). Alpha-D-mannose binding was first directly measured for each of the FimH variants. The measured dissociation constants for mannose binding to $FimHtr_{F18}$ (K_D=10 μM) and to $FimHtr_{Cl\#4}$ (K_D=11 μM) are virtually identical, approximately four-fold higher than for $FimHtr_{J96}$ (K_D=2.3 μM). Tri-saccharide affinities lie in the range K_D=0.5-7.5 μM. A similar trisaccharide binding pattern is observed for all FimH variants studied, but the J96 variant binds approximately two-fold tighter than the F18 and Cl#4 variants to all of the tri-saccharides (Figure 3). Pentamannose binds with the highest affinity to $FimHtr_{J96}$ (K_D= 330 nM).

Synthesis of alkyl-mannoside compounds



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rt = room temperature

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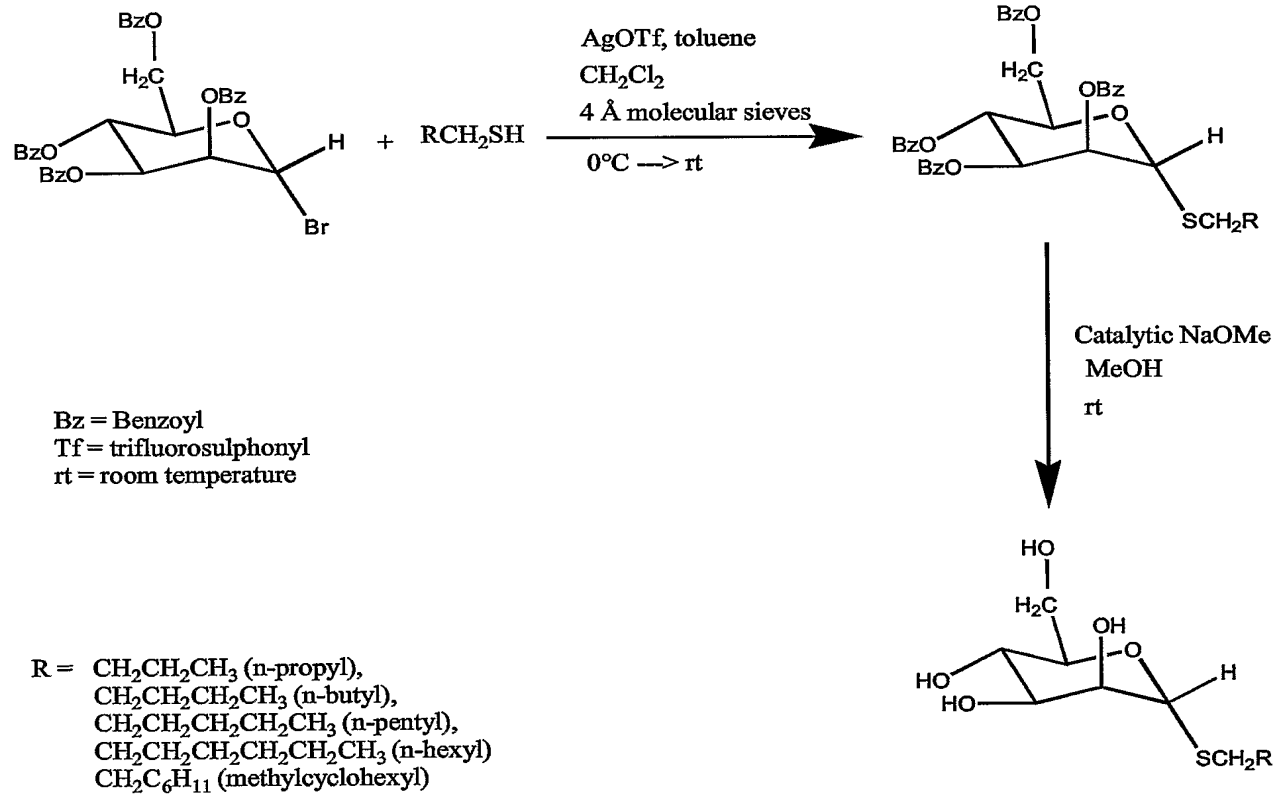

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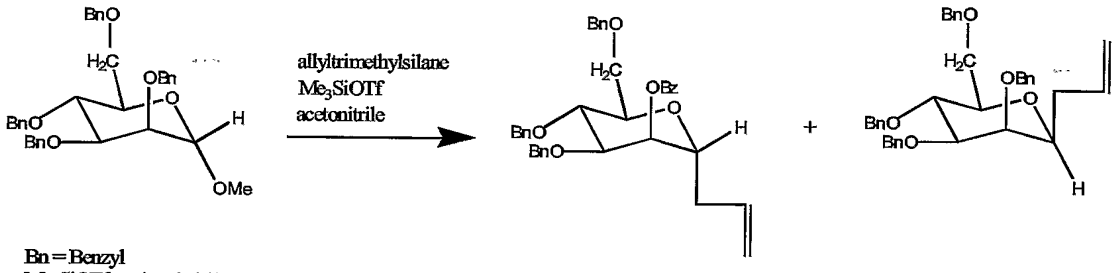
Synthesis of C-glycosyl compounds



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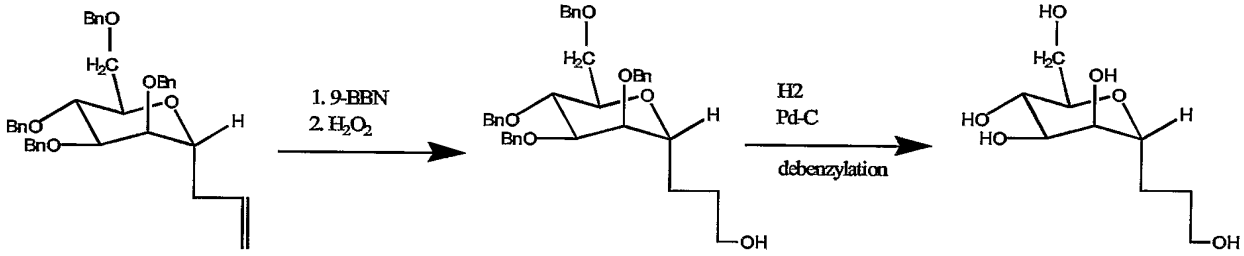

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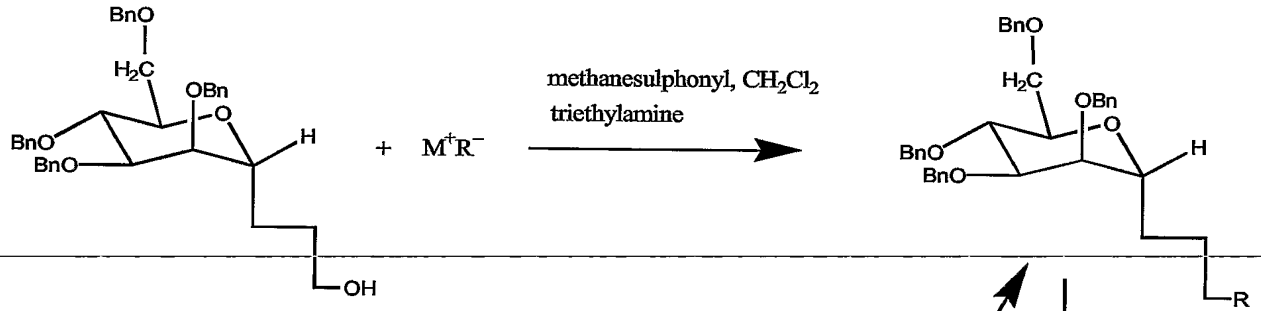

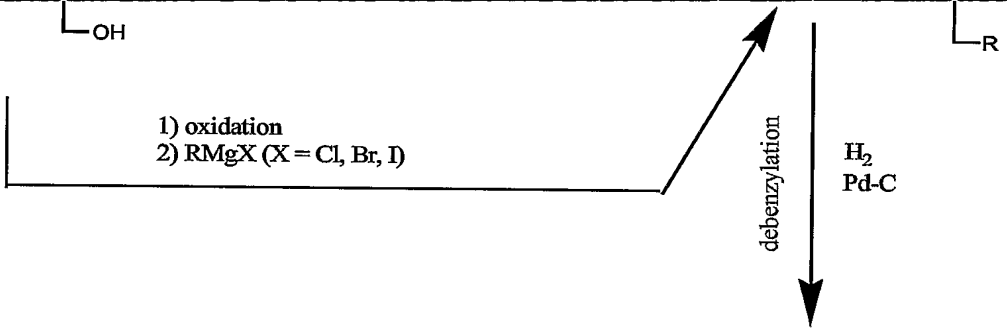

Bn = benzyl

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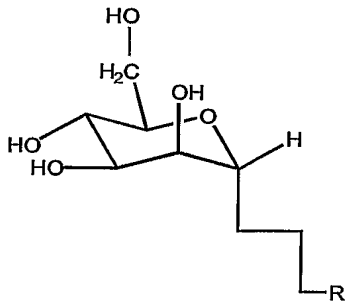

Ex vivo testing of synthetic mannose derivatives

Yeast agglutination assay

The binding of type 1 positive bacteria is assayed by their ability to agglutinate yeast cells (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) on glass slides. Aliquots of washed bacterial suspensions at OD_{550} 0.5% and 5% yeast cells are mixed and the time until agglutination occurred is measured. Mannoside derivatives are added to evaluate their influences on agglutination of yeast cells.

Alternatively, binding to yeast cells is assayed by incubating aliquots of bacteria with yeast cells for 2 min. After removal of unbound bacteria, mannoside derivatives are added to release the attached bacteria from the yeast cells. The bacteria are then quantified by plating out, the experiments are repeated four times.

Adhesion inhibition assays

Inhibitor titration of bacterial binding to mannan bound to 96-well plates with mannoside derivatives is carried out as described by Sokurenko *et al.* (1997). Briefly, wells are coated with mannan (Sigma) at a concentration of 10 µg/ml, washed three times with PBS and subsequently coated with 0.2% BSA in PBS. Bacterial suspensions containing identical cell numbers are mixed with increasing concentrations of mannoside derivatives, added to the wells and incubated for 40 min at 37°C. The wells are then washed with PBS, and 160 µl LB containing 100 mM methyl alpha-D-mannose is added to each well and incubated for 5 h at 37°C to remove the bound bacteria. The number of bound bacteria is determined by measuring OD_{600} values with a micro-titre plate reader.

Adherence and invasion assays

AAEC185/pUT2002 transformed with FimH expression plasmids are used to assay FimH-mediated bacterial adherence and invasion into a human bladder cell line, 5637. Bacteria are cultured as described above for type 1 pili expression. Adherence and invasion assays are performed with 1 h infection (Elsinghorst, 1994; Martinez *et al.*, 2000). Results are obtained from at least two different infection experiments with duplicate wells in each experiment. *In situ* binding to human bladder tissues is performed similarly to the previously described protocol with minor modifications (Falk *et al.*, 1993; Striker *et al.*, 1995). Non-diseased human bladder sections are obtained from the surgical pathology and autopsy files of the Department of Pathology at Washington University. Human bladder tissues on microscope slides are

deparaffinized and are incubated with 100 ml of freshly FITC-labelled bacteria for 2 h at RT in a humidified chamber. Subsequently, slides are washed extensively with phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) (0.12MNaCl, 2.7mMKCl, 10 mM phosphate, pH 7.4), fixed for 5 min with 2.5% glutaraldehyde in PBS and counterstained with 1 mg/ml of Hoechst stain for 5 min. Visualization of bound bacteria is performed on an Olympus BX60 microscope system.

Adherence to human bladder cells

Bacterial adherence to epithelial cells is carried out essentially as described. The bladder cell line 5637 is a human carcinoma line that can be continuously cultured as monolayer in RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10% FBS (fetal bovibe serum), 2 mM L-Glutamine. Confluent cultures can be split (1:4-1:8) using trypsin/EDTA (8-10 min.). The cultures are incubated at 37°C with 5% CO_2.

Type-1 positive bacteria (100 µl containing 10^8 to 2 x 10^9 bacteria per ml) are incubated with the bladder cell line 5637 at 37°C. Bacteria are preincubated in morpholinoethane sulfonate buffer (50 mM MES [pH 6.2]) containing 1 mM $CaCl_2$) with a particular mannoside derivatives, at different concentrations, for 15 min at 37°C. All subsequent steps are done at 37°C. After 45 min of Incubation, 2.5 ml of PBS is added to the bladder cells to wash away the unbound bacteria. The epithelial cell layer with the adherent bacteria is collected, and the number of adhering bacteria is counted by plating.

In vivo testing of the synthetic mannose derivatives

Female 8-week-old mice (BALB/c, C3H/HeN or C3H/HeJ) are treated with different concentrations of the synthesized mannose-derivatives. Subsequently, mice are inoculated with approximately 2 x 10^7 bacteria by intraurethral catheterization as described (Mulvey *et al.*, 1998). At several time intervals, the bladders are harvested and the luminal surface will be stained with tetramethylrhodamineconjugated wheat germagglutinin (r-WGA) as described. The number of bacteria in the bladder is determined as described (Thankavel *et al.*, 1997).

A model for ETEC strains colonising intestines of infant mice was developed by Duchet-Suchaux *et al.* (1990). This model is evaluated to study the influence of the mannose derivates on the onset of diarrhea induced by ETEC strains.

Materials and Methods

Expression and purification of FimH

FimH truncate $FimHtr_{J96}$ was expressed from plasmid pPKL241 (Schembri *et al.*, 2000), $FimHtr_{F18}$ from plasmid pPKL316, and $FimHtr_{Cl\#4}$ from plasmid pMAS146, all three coding for the lectin domain of FimH (residues 1-158) with a C-terminal 6-histidine tag. The same expression and purification protocol was used for all three variants of the protein. *E. coli* host strain HB101 lacking the fim operon was transformed with the FimHtr plasmid. Cells were grown in M9 minimal medium (Sambrook *et al.*, 1989) containing 50 μg ml^{-1} ampicillin at 37°C. At A_{600nm}=0.6, the cells were induced with 5 mM IPTG and the cells were harvested by centrifugation 5 hours after induction. To extract the periplasm, cells were resuspended in 4 ml 20% sucrose in 20 mM Tris buffer, pH 8.0, per Gram-cells. 0.2 ml 0.1 M EDTA and 40 μl lysozyme (15 mg ml^{-1}) per Gram-of cells were added, and the cells left to incubate on ice for 40 min. 0.16 ml of 0.5 M $MgCl_2$ per Gram-of cells were added, and the mixture centrifuged at 10000 rpm for 20 min. The supernatant, containing the periplasm, was dialysed against 300 mM NaCl, 50 mM $NaPO_4$ buffer, pH 7.8, over night. The protein was purified on a Pharmacia HiTrap Chelating HP 5-ml column (Pharmacia, Sweden) loaded with Ni chloride, and eluted with a sharp 0-500 mM imidazole gradient. Fractions containing FimHtr were pooled, dialysed against 50 mM sodium acetate, pH 5.25, and loaded onto a Mono S HR 8-ml column. The protein was eluted with a 0-500 mM NaCl gradient, dialyzed overnight against 20 mM Tris, pH 7.5, and concentrated to about 15 mg ml^{-1} using Vivaspin 20-ml concentrators (Vivascience, UK).

Synthesis of alkyl-mannosides

Alkyl mannosides were synthesised through silver triflate-promoted couplings of the corresponding alcohol with 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzoyl-alpha-Dmannopyranosyl bromide, followed by Zemplén deacylation of the obtained protected alkyl mannosides, according to the procedure reported for the octyl and tetradecyl mannosides (Oscarson and Tidén, 1993).

Synthesis of tri-mannosides

Syntheses of tri-mannosides was as reported earlier by Rakesh *et al.*, 1995, Shaheer *et al.*, 1990 and Carole *et al.*, 2002.

Binding studies

To measure the dissociation constant for FimH:alkyl or aryl - mannoside binding, two different binding experiments were performed.

Solution affinity measurements at equilibrium of FimH-carbohydrate interactions

Surface Plasmon Resonance measurements were performed on a *Biacore3000™*. The Fab fragments of a monoclonal antibody against FimH were covalently immobilised via lysines at 1000 Resonance Units (1000 pg ligand /mm^2) in flowcell Fc2 on a CM5 biasensor chip (*BIAapplications Handbook*, Biacore AB, Uppsala, Sweden). Immobilisation buffer was 100 mM NaAc pH 5.0 with 100 mM NaCl. The reference flowcell Fc1 was left blank.

Binding of FimH to the immobilized antibody was measured with a *Biacore 3000* instrument in running buffer (phosphate buffered saline with 0.005 % surfactant P20 and 3 mM EDTA), on both flowcells Fc1 and Fc2 simultaneously, at a flow rate of 30 µl/min and at 25°C. Complete dissociation of FimH was done with running buffer before starting a new binding cycle. For all measurements, the association time was 3 minutes, the dissociation time was 30 min. All binding cycli were performed in duplicate, including a zero concentration cycle of FimH (injection of running buffer).

In a first experiment, the kinetic constants, k_a and k_d, and the maximal binding R_{max}, were determined for the FimH-antibody interaction (concentrations FimH (nM): 2000, 1000, 500, 250, 125, 62.5, 31.25, 15.625, 7.818, 3.911, 1.957, 0). All analysis was performed with the *BIAeval* software. A Langmuir binding isotherm with a 1:1 stoichiometry was fitted to the data, from which the kinetic constants and maximal binding were obtained.

In the next experiment, samples containing a fixed concentration of FimH (close to the K_D of the FimH-antibody interaction) in combination with varying concentrations of saccharide, were used to determine the dissociation constant of the FimH-saccharide interaction in a competition experiment. First, ten-fold dilutions of the saccharide solution were used to determine the concentration range for binding of the saccharide

to FimH. A Langmuir binding isotherm with a 1:1 stoichiometry was fitted to the data, using the kinetic constants and R_{max} from the first experiment, to obtain the concentrations of FimH that were free ($[FimH]_{free}$) to bind the antibody immobilised on the chip. Secondly, the concentration range of the saccharide was extended and adapted to assure accurate fitting, and the equilibrium binding constant of the FimH-saccharide interaction was obtained from the curve of $[FimH]_{free}$ against concentration of saccharide. Every measurement was repeated at least twice, including testing the variation between different protein batches and where possible different saccharide stock solutions (typically 200mM).

Displacement assay

[^{3}H]alpha-Dmannose was obtained from Amersham. Methyl mannoside, p-Nitrophenyl α-mannoside (pNPalpha-Man), and 4-Methylumbelliferyl α-mannoside (MeUmb-alpha-Man) were obtained from Sigma. Syntheses of tri-mannosides was as reported earlier by Oscarson and co-workers (1993). Weighed amounts of tri-mannosides were dissolved in double distilled water to give stock solutions of 0.87 M man-(1,2)-man-(1,2)-man, 0.25 M man-(1,2)-man-(1,3)-man, 0.27 M man-(1,2)-man-(1,6)-man, 0.30 M man-(1,3)-man-(1,6)-man, 0.13 M man-(1,6)-man-(1,6)-man. Similarly, alkyl mannosides were dissolved in double distilled water to give stock solutions of 100 mM methyl mannoside, 59.8 mM ethyl mannoside, 45.9 mM propyl mannoside, 51.9 mM butyl mannoside, 17.3 mM pentyl mannoside, 20.8 mM hexyl mannoside, 15.3 mM heptyl mannoside, 15.2 mM octyl mannoside. pNPalphaMan and MeUmbalphaMan (6 mg each) were dissolved in 20 µl DMSO and diluted to 20 mM using double distilled water. Binding experiments were performed using six different concentrations of [^{3}H]-alpha-Dmannose (final concentrations 43.5 µM, 29.0 µM, 19.3 µM, 12.9 µM, 8.6 µM, 5.7 µM). $FimHtr_{J96}$ obtained by growing bacteria in minimal medium was used in all binding experiments. 180 µl protein at a concentration of about 500 nM was mixed with 20 µl of the radioactive ligand, and incubated at 37 °C for 20 min. To separate free ligand from bound, the mixture was rapidly filtrated through Protran BA 85 Cellulose-nitrate filter (Schleicher & Schuell, Dassel, Germany), and washed once with 1 ml of ice-cold 1 x PBS (phosphate buffered saline). Filter-bound radioactivity was measured by scintillation spectrometry within 24 hours. The displacement experiments were performed using six different concentrations (final concentrations in the range 0.0-43.5 µM) of the inhibitor, in the presence of 43.5 µM [^{3}H]-alpha-D-mannose. 20 µl

radioactive ligand, 20 µl inhibitor at decreasing concentrations, and 160 µl protein (500 nM) were mixed, and the experiments performed as above. All experiments were performed in duplicates; data presented are mean values of at least two independent measurements. For determination of K_D for α-D-mannose, a hyperbolic curve ($y = P_1x/(P_2+x)$, where $P_2 = K_D$) was fitted to the data. For the displacement experiments, the curve $y = P_1/(P_2+x)$, where P_2 is the concentration of the inhibitor displacing 50% of the labelled ligand, $[I]_{0.5}$ was used instead. To calculate the inhibitor dissociation constant (K_I) the Cheng & Prusoff equation ($K_I = [I]_{0.5}/([L]/K_L +1)$; K_L is the constant of dissociation for the ligand) (Cheng and Prusoff, 1973), was used when both the concentration of the radioactive ligand (L) and the displacing agent (I) are in excess over the protein ($L_T>>P_T; I_T>>P_T$, T indicates total concentration). For very strong inhibitors, when I_T is no longer in excess over P_T, the equation of Horovitz et al. ($K_I = I_T/((1-Y)/Y*(L_T/K_L)-1) - P_T*K_L*Y/L_T$ where Y is the fraction of the ligand bound in presence of the inhibitor) (Horovitz and Levitzki, 1987) was used instead. A plot of $I_T/((1-Y)*(L_T/K_L)-Y)$ against 1/Y gives a straight line with a slope of K_I.

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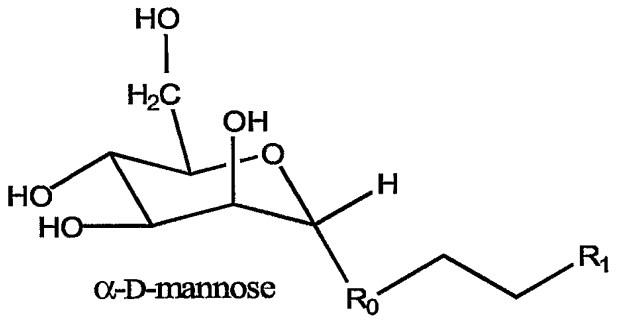
Claims

1. Use of



α-D-mannose

wherein $R_0 = O, CH_2$ or S

and

$-R_1 = -CH_2CH_3$ (ethyl), or
$-CH_2CH_2CH_3$ (n-propyl), or
$-CH_2CH_2CH_2COOH$ (3-carboxypropyl), or
$-CH_2CH_2CH_2CHO$ (4-oxobutyl), or
$-CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$ (n-butyl), or
$-CH_2CH_2CH_2CF_3$ (4,4,4-trifluorobutyl), or
$-CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$ (4-hydroxybutyl), or
$-CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CHO$ (5-oxopentyl), or
$-CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$ (n-pentyl), or
$-CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CF_3$ (5,5,5-trifluoropentyl), or
$-CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2COOH$ (4-carboxybutyl), or
$-CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$ (4-aminobutyl), or
$-C_6H_{11}OH$ (4-hydroxycyclohexyl), or
$-C_6H_{11}CF_3$ (4-trifluoromethylcyclohexyl), or
$-C_6H_5$ (phenyl), or
$-C_6H_4OH$ (p-hydroxyphenyl), or
$-C_6H_4NH_2$ (p-aminophenyl), or
$-C_6H_4NO_2$ (p-nitrophenyl), or
$-C_6H_4COOH$ (p-carboxyphenyl), or
$-C_6H_4CH_3$ (p-methylphenyl), or
$-C_6H_4CF_3$ (p-trifluoromethylphenyl), or
$-C_6H_4CHO$ (p-formylphenyl), or
$-C_4H_5N_2$ (pyrimidyl), or
$-C_4H_4N_2OH$ (2-hydroxypyrimidyl), or
$-C_6H_{11}$ (cyclohexyl)

for the manufacture of a medicament to treat a subject suffering from infection of a Gram-negative bacterium.

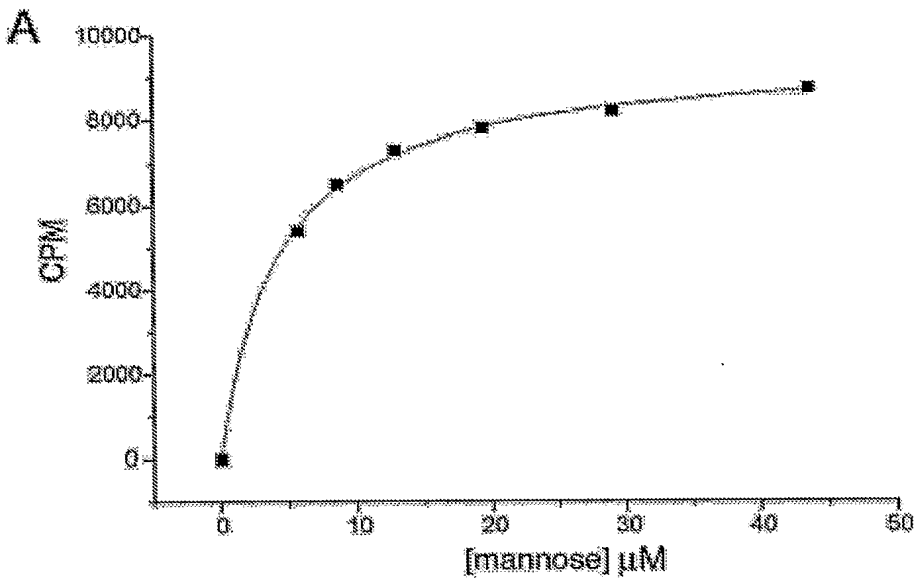
2. Use according to claim 1 for the manufacture of a medicament to treat a subject suffering from infection of a Gram-negative bacterium wherein said bacterium comprises a type-1 pilus.
3. Use of a molecule according to claims 1 and 2 wherein said bacterium is selected from the list consisting of *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenza*, *Shigella species*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Bordetella pertussis*, *Yersinia enterolytica*, *Helicobacter pylor*, *Proteus* species and *Escherichia coli*.
4. Use of a molecule according to claim 1 for the manufacture of a medicament to treat a urinary infection.
5. Use according to claim 4 wherein said urinary infection is caused by *E. coli*.
6. Use of a molecule according to claim 1 for the manufacture of a medicament to treat a gastrointestinal infection.
7. Use according to claim 6 wherein said gastrointestinal infection is caused by *Escherichia*, *Salmonella*, *Shigella* or *Yersinia* species.
8. Use of a molecule according to claim 1 for the manufacture of a medicament to treat a pulmonary infection.
9. Use according to claim 8 wherein said pulmonary infection is caused by *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Bordetella pertussis* or *Klebsiella* species.

Anti-adhesive compounds to prevent and treat bacterial infections

Abstract of the invention

The present invention provides compounds and compositions capable of inhibiting the attachment of Gram-negative bacteria on a host epithelium. Accordingly, said compounds and compositions can for example be used for the manufacture of a medicament to treat urinary, lung and gastrointestinal infections caused by said Gram-negative bacteria.

Figure 1: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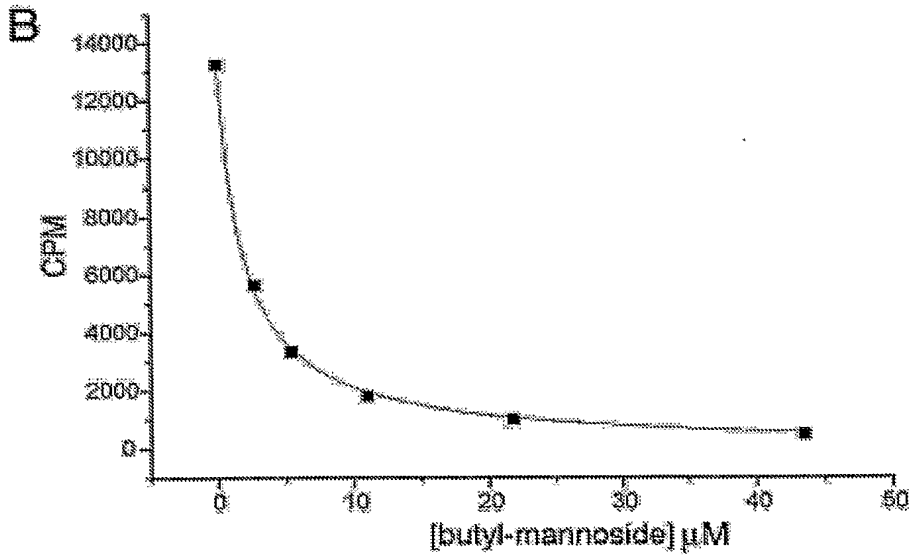
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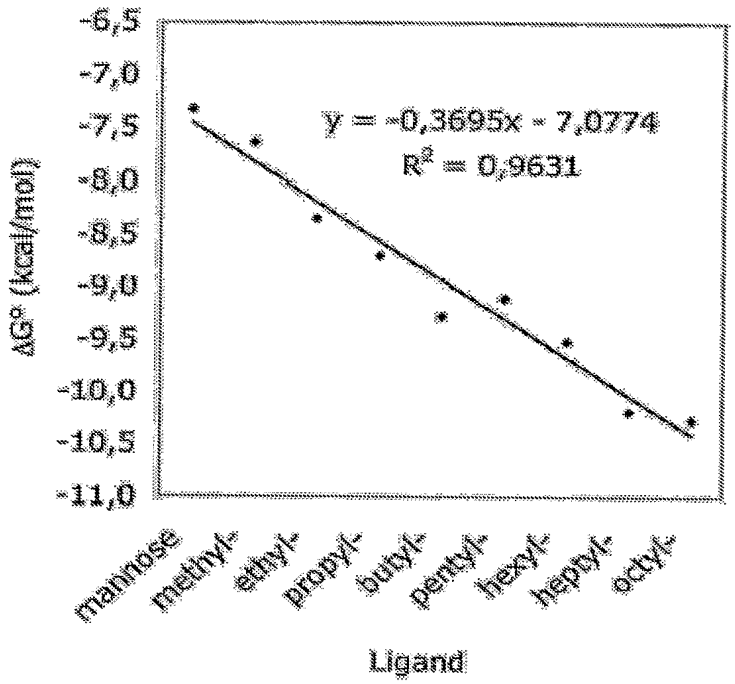
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R² = 0,9631
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propyl-
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octyl-
Ligand

Figure 2:

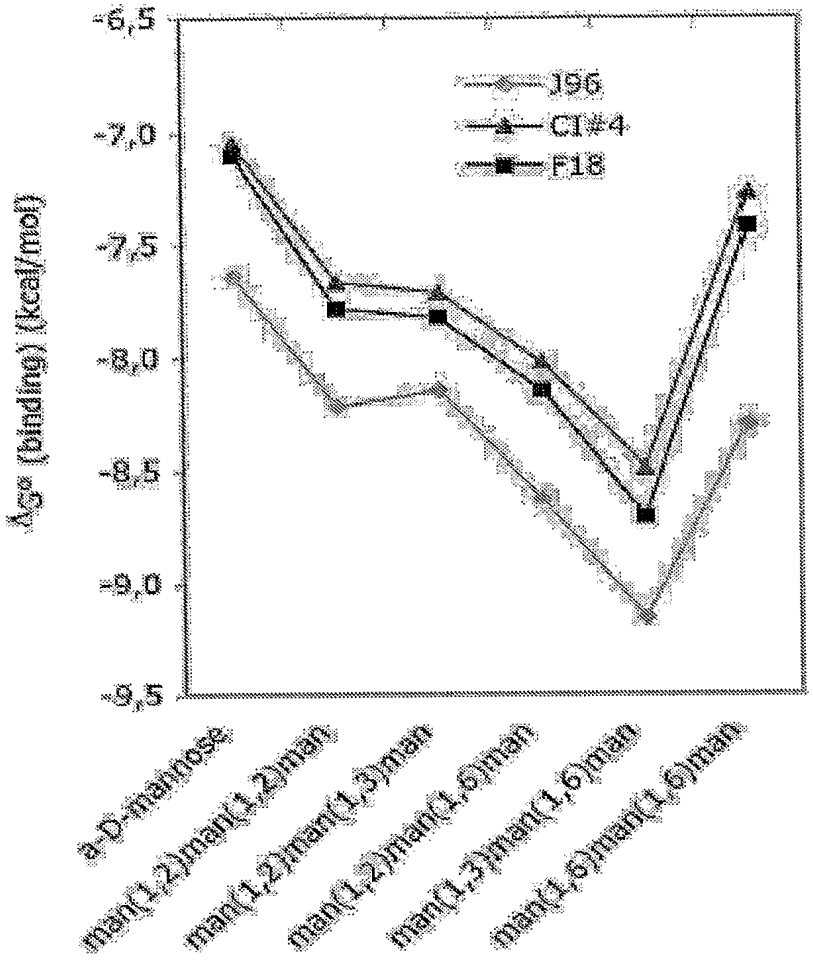

Figure 3: